

Honey Production, 1999

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Honey production for 1999 by producers with 5 or more hives totaled 1.5 million pounds. Honey producers took honey from 25,000 colonies, with an average yield of 60 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 705,000 pounds.

Honey producers received an average price of \$.76 per pound for the 1999 crop.

The 1999 honey production is valued at 1,140,000 dollars. Pennsylvania ranks 23rd in the nation for honey production.

A sample of honey producers were surveyed in December for information on number of colonies, honey production, honey stocks on hand for sale, and prices received for honey sold.

Pennsylvania: Honey, Production & Value, 1981-1999

Year	Colonies of Bees	Yield Per Colony	Production	Price Per Pound	Total Value	Stocks on Hand ¹
	(000)	Pounds	(000)	Dollars	(000)	(000)
1981	85	30	2,550	.83	2,119	995
1986 ²	50	32	1,600	.55	880	624
1987	48	39	1,872	.68	1,273	711
1988	45	46	2,070	.67	1,387	683
1989	41	39	1,599	.62	991	560
1990	41	28	1,148	.67	769	379
1991	40	45	1,800	.70	1,260	594
1992	30	41	1,230	.71	873	566
1993	28	40	1,120	.64	717	605
1994	27	47	1,269	.60	761	622
1995	25	43	1,075	.73	785	376
1996	23	46	1,058	1.02	1,079	370
1997	22	48	1,056	1.00	1,056	528
1998	23	66	1,518	.80	1,214	698
1999	25	60	1,500	.76	1,140	705

¹ Stocks on hand December 15 for sale. ² Survey discontinued after 1981 and reinstated in 1986.

Pennsylvania & Major States: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks & Value, 1999

State	Colonies of Bees	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15	Value of Production
	(000)	Pounds	(000) Pounds		(000) Dollars
California	505	60	30,300	10,302	16,059
Florida	228	102	23,256	4,186	12,326
Georgia	65	51	3,315	497	2,122
Idaho	120	48	5,760	3,110	3,398
Iowa	40	65	2,600	2,028	1,690
Louisiana	48	114	5,472	821	2,681
Michigan	73	85	6,205	3,475	4,095
Minnesota	145	82	11,890	3,210	7,253
Montana	122	70	8,540	2,135	5,124
Nebraska	58	77	4,466	1,965	2,724
New York	69	70	4,830	2,077	3,188
North Dakota	255	105	26,775	8,836	15,797
Pennsylvania	25	60	1,500	705	1,140
South Dakota	224	104	23,296	13,046	13,978
Texas	108	81	8,748	2,799	5,599
Wisconsin	80	75	6,000	4,560	4,080
Other States	523	61.7	32,275	15,609	24,168
U. S. TOTAL	2,688	76.3	205,228	79,361	125,422